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REMARKS

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1. On 27 February 1953, the Nachrichten Schule south of the railroad station and west of Hoeckendorfer Strasse in Koenigsbrueck was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia and some with black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 18 February, about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or signal insignia, carrying field equipment and armed with carbines, submachine guns, heavy machine guns and light machine guns left the installation and marched to the Neues Lager. At 10 a.m., two tanks were seen firing with live ammunition in the training area on the Pilsnitz River. On 22 February, about 1,100 soldiers organized into 32 groups wearing athletic uniforms left the installation in double time and, about two hours later, returned from the direction of Hoeckendorf. On 24 February, six soldiers received training on two searchlights with a diameter of 180 to 200 cm in the barracks yard. Between 9:30 and 11 p.m., the two searchlights were operated and various points in the terrain were illuminated. On 27 February, soldiers were observed maintaining three 122-mm field howitzers in the barracks yard.

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2. On 25 February, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 2,500 to 3,000 soldiers. Several groups each of 300 to 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying practice targets and firing equipment left the installation toward Hoeckendorf. About 50 soldiers received training on four guns were of 122-mm caliber in the billeting area. Motor vehicles

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 were seen driving to, and from, the installation.

3. On 28 February, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets most of them with artillery insignia and some with tank insignia. At 8:30 a.m., about 240 soldiers carrying carbines left the installation toward the troop training grounds. They returned about 3 p.m. At 8:30 on 23 February, about 30 soldiers received training on four 82-mm mortars in the Aue. At 11 a.m., about 60 soldiers practiced an infantry assault against the mortar emplacements in the Aue. At 7:30 a.m. on 25 February, trucks

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each towing a 120-mm mortar left the installation toward the troop training grounds. On 26 February, about 60 soldiers carrying entrenching tools left the installation for excavation work near the tank shelters on the meadows in the Aue. On 27 February, 5 open tank sheds and other 15 sheds under construction were noticed in the Aue. One JS-3 tank was seen nearby. The open sheds were about 1.80

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meters high and 3 meters square. On 28 February, about 200 soldiers organized into groups were engaged in advanced combat practice firing in the Aue.¹

4. On 28 February, the Altes Lager northwest of the railroad station was occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. On 24 February, 75 to 100 soldiers were seen drilling in the billeting area. Motor vehicles

_____ were seen driving to, and from, the Altes Lager.

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5. From 20 to 27 February, artillery firing with light calibers and infantry combat firing was heard from the direction of the Neues Lager west of the road to Schwepnitz, 1.5 km northwest of the town. Motor vehicles

_____ were seen driving to, and from, the Neues Lager.

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6. On 23 February, trucks _____ were seen hauling coal from the railroad station.

7. At 7 p.m. on 23 February, 25 trucks were entrained for Dresden, and 18 tanks for Schwepnitz, at the railroad station.⁴

8. On 22 February, the Altes Lager was occupied by about 150 soldiers. Motor vehicles _____ were seen driving to, and from, the Altes Lager.

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9. On 12 February, three T-34/85 tanks and 50 soldiers armed with rifles with grenade launchers left the Nachrichten Schule and went to Klotzsche. On 16 February, about 60 soldiers were engaged in practice firing in the Aue.¹ Motor vehicles _____

_____ were seen driving to, and from, the Neues Lager.

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10. Between 8 and 10 p.m. on 10 February, a searchlight practice was held in the billeting area of the Neues Lager. On 19 February, a prime mover towing a 152-mm cannon left the installation. Motor vehicles _____

_____ were seen driving to, and from, the Neues Lager.

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1. Comment. The data contained in paragraph 3 on the occupation of the Nachrichten Schule in Koenigsbrueck are credible. On the basis of available information, it is believed that the 270th Gds Mort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div; the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, previously stationed in Kamen; and the 1018th AAA Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div are located there. Evidence concerning the presence in Koenigsbrueck of the tank regiment has so far been weak. However, the assumption that the regiment is located there is supported by the observation of tanks and the construction of tank garages.

The location of the AAA regiment had not been determined so far. The observation of searchlights at the Nachrichten Schule makes it appear possible that the AAA regiment is located there. It is unknown to what unit the 122-mm field howitzers mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 belong. Elements of the 399th Gds How Artv Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div are possibly in Koenigsbrueck at present.

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2. Comment. A fuel dump and possibly also a motor transport unit are located in the Altes Lager.

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3. Comment. It is believed that the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Mech

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Army is located in the Neues Lager. From 10 to 15 February.

[redacted] observed tanks at this installation. [redacted]

4. Comment. Since mid-January 1953, exercises involving tanks probably held by the 11th Gds Tank Div have continuously been observed in the vicinity of Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]

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